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SUBJ: STRIKE IN STATE-CONTROLLED HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS

1. ON MAY 17, WORKERS IN SEVERAL STATE-CONTROLLED HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS IN LISBON, SETUBAL, AND THE ALGARVE STAGED A ONE HOUR STRIKE. WORKERS WILL GRADUALLY INCREASE DAILY LENGTH OF WORK STOPPAGES UNTIL MAY 23, WHEN THEY WILL SUSPEND STRIKE FOR NEGOTIATIONS. IF SALARY DEMANDS ARE NOT MET, A TOTAL STRIKE IS TO BEGIN MAY 30.

2. STRIKING HOTEL WORKERS ARE DEMANDING A WAGE CONTRACT COMPARABLE TO THAT OF HOTEL WORKERS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR. THE GOP CONTENDS THAT IT IS SUPPORTING THESE HOTELS ONLY TEMPORARILY UNTIL THEY CAN REGAIN SELF-SUFFICIENCY, AND THAT MATCHING WAGES WITH PRIVATE SECTOR WOULD FURTHER DELAY FINANCIAL SOLVENCY OF THESE HOTELS. (GOP JUST APPROVED \$1.2 MILLION LOAN FROM THE UNEMPLOYMENT FUND TO SIX STATE-CONTROLLED HOTELS IN ALGARVE, \$212,000 OF WHICH WENT TO HOTEL PENINA WHERE 460 EMPLOYEES REPORTEDLY SERVE DAILY AVERAGE OF 15 GUESTS).

3. CURRENTLY, THE STRIKE DOES NOT ENJOY TOTAL UNION SUPPORT AND IS AFFECTING ONLY A FEW HOTELS WHICH PRIMARILY HOUSE REFUGEES. REPRESENTATIVE FROM OFFICE OF TOURISM DISCOUNTED IMPORTANCE OF STRIKE AND PREDICTED QUICK RESOLUTION OF PROBLEM.

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HOWEVER, IF TOTAL PARALYZATION OF STATE-CONTROLLED HOTELS WERE TO

OCCUR, SOME 4800 WORKERS WOULD BE INVOLVED. IMPACT WOULD SERIOUSLY DAMAGE PORTUGAL'S EFFORTS TO REVIVE ITS TOURISM INDUSTRY. DURING FIRST QUARTER OF 1976, PRELIMINARY DATA INDICATE THAT TOTAL NUMBER OF VISITORS TO PORTUGAL WAS DOWN 11.1 PERCENT FROM COMPARABLE PERIOD OF 1975. NUMBER OF VISITORS FROM US WAS DOWN 52.2 PERCENT.

4. SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EMPLOYMENT TITO DE MORAIS TOLD LABATT MAY 21 THAT STRIKE IS LARGELY A RESULT OF GOVERNMENT MISMANAGEMENT OF ISSUE AND A LACK OF INTERNAL COORDINATION. HE DENIED ALLEGATIONS BY SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS THAT STRIKE IS THE RESULT OF AGITATION BY THE COMMUNIST CONTROLLED HOTEL WORKERS UNION AND DESIGNED TO DISRUPT THE RECOVERY OF THE TOURIST INDUSTRY.  
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